

Delaware State Police Investigate Fatal Collision

Milford, DE- Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal motor vehicle collision that occurred early Thursday morning south of Milford.

On February 17, 2022, at approximately 12:39 a.m., a 2008 Jeep Patriot was traveling northbound in the southbound lanes of Coastal Highway, north of Brick Granary Road, approaching a left curve. The vehicle failed to negotiate the curve and entered the grass median, traveling northbound between the guardrails approaching the double-span bridge of Cedar Creek. The Jeep struck a grass berm and vaulted into the water between the two spans, landing on the roof with the vehicle nearly completely submerged. Once the Jeep was removed from the water with the assistance of multiple Sussex County dive teams and Coastal Towing, two victims were located deceased inside.

The driver of the Jeep Patriot was a 17-year-old male from Dover. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

The passenger of the vehicle was a 17-year-old male from Camden. Identification is pending notification to next of kin.

The roadway was closed for approximately four hours while the investigation was completed, and the roadway was cleared.

The Delaware State Police Troop 7 Collision Reconstruction Unit continue to investigate this fatal collision. Anyone with information regarding the crash is asked to contact Sgt. Nicholas DeMalto by calling 302-703-3269. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppers.com>.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of a crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll-free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the Victim Services Unit at DSP_VictimServicesMail@delaware.gov

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